

November 6, 2002

To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke
Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: David E. Janssen
Chief Administrative Officer

TRANSMITTAL OF MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, PROBATION, AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO YOUTH AT PROBATION CAMPS AND HALLS

On July 17, 2001, on motion by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, the Board instructed County Counsel and this office to work with the Chief Probation Officer, Director of Mental Health, Director of Health Services, and the County Superintendent of Schools (agencies) to develop memoranda of understanding (MOUs) regarding the delivery of services to youth at Probation camps and halls. The MOUs should address the identification and monitoring of education, mental health, and health services expectations.

Development of MOUs

As indicated in our September 30, 2002 Board memorandum, this office and County Counsel have worked with the impacted agencies to complete and provide you the attached three MOUs between Probation and each agency -- Health Services, Mental Health, and the Los Angeles County Office of Education. These documents delineate service delivery expectations, and include the reaffirmation of existing and new policies and procedures that enhance the agencies' ability to identify and monitor the delivery of education, mental health and health services to youth at probation camps and halls.

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As you may recall, we originally intended to complete the MOUs concurrent with the finalization of the Department of Justice's (DOJ's) report on their investigation of the juvenile halls. The DOJ has not yet completed their final report, and at this time, it is uncertain when publication will occur. Consequently, we proceeded to finalize the MOUs which will be updated as necessary. An addendum to the Health Services/Probation MOU is also being prepared to address financial issues annually, as service requests rates and funding are determined.

In addition, the Probation Department, in collaboration with the Internal Services Department, is continuing to expend Board-approved funds allocated primarily to address facility maintenance concerns as identified throughout DOJ's investigation.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge my appreciation to the agency representatives involved in the development of these documents, and am confident of their continued support and dedication. Their efforts and expertise have resulted in significant progress in improving interagency communication, enabling enhanced coordination of service delivery to the probation camp and hall youth under our care.

Please call me if you have any questions, or your staff may call Gordon Trask, Principal Deputy County Counsel at (213) 974-1943 or Amalia Lopez, Senior Analyst of my staff at (213) 893-1216.

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Attachments (3)

- c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
- County Counsel
- Director, Health Services
- Director, Internal Services
- Director, Mental Health
- Chief Probation Officer
- Superintendent, Los Angeles County Office of Education